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TOKYO: MARCH 9; REUTER -- VISITING CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM CASEY TODAY DELIVERED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER ZENKO SUZUKI AND ASKED JAPAN TO INCREASE AID TO THAILAND AND PAKISTAN; GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID.

THE SOURCES DID NOT DIVULGE CONTENTS OF MR REAGAN'S MESSAGE; BUT THEY QUOTED MR CASEY AS TELLING MR SUZUKI THAT WASHINGTON HOPED A WIDE-RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN WOULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE TWO LEADERS MET IN WASHINGTON IN MAY.

IN RESPONSE TO MR CASEY'S CALL FOR MORE AID TO THAILAND AND PAKISTAN FOLLOWING INCREASED SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE INFLUENCE IN THE REGION; MR SUZUKI SAID JAPAN WOULD EXTEND AID AND COOPERATION POSITIVELY TO ASIAN COUNTRIES.

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